

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1303

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Amy Mangum Finney on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those outstanding educators who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Amy Mangum Finney, a second grade teacher at Dresden Elementary School who, after serving with distinction for thirty-one years, will soon be taking a much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, Ms. Finney is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has spent more than three decades working assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, personally dedicated to academic rigor, Amy Finney graduated from Dresden High School and the University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, an innovative and inspiring leader in education, Ms. Finney piloted the first physical education program for Weakley County elementary students in the mid-1990s; and

WHEREAS, a truly capable educator and woman of character, Ms. Finney epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all and has served as a positive influence on countless young lives; and

WHEREAS, the occasion of her retirement will afford Amy Finney with the merited opportunity to read her cherished books and spend time with her beloved family and pets; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Finney exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, she is fortunate to share love, respect, and companionship with her husband, Rick Finney and is the proud and devoted mother of her son Senator Lowe Finney and his wife Tiffany, and her daughter Lauren Finney Dunlap and her husband Zach; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Finney will surely celebrate this significant milestone with her mother, Marie Mangum; her brother and sister-in-law, Andy and Patsy Mangum; and, if they were still among us, her late father, William Mangum; her late sister, Jenny Marie Mangum; her grandparents, the late Frank and Ruth Woods and the late Judge Cayce and Carrie LaFon Pentecost; and her mother and father-in-law, the late Emilia and Richard Finney, would certainly be proud of all Amy Finney has accomplished in her remarkable career; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Ms. Finney has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and students alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Amy Mangum Finney our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, and wish her every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.